

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of)
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 RALF HERBRICH ET AL.)
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 Filed: 06/30/2003) Examiner: John M. Hotaling
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 For: PERSONALIZED BEHAVIOR OF) Attorney Docket No.: 303875.01
 COMPUTER CONTROLLED)
 AVATARS IN A VIRTUAL REALITY)
 ENVIRONMENT)

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Dear Sir:

The Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the allowance of the present application provided by the Notice of Allowance issued on December 5, 2005.

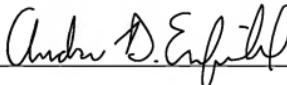
The Applicant wishes to clarify that the Reasons for Allowance may refer to just one of multiple features that may distinguish the allowed claims over the references of record. For example, the Reasons for Allowance characterize one such feature as "randomly selecting training behavior from a training set of personalized sample behaviors." This feature is recited in the claims in various scopes, which are in no way limited by the characterizations included in the Reasons for Allowance.

Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the characterization of the allowed claims, as set forth in the Notice of Allowability, provides a generalized characterization of the

aforementioned claims, and therefore should not be interpreted as presenting an accurate interpretation of the scope of any of the respective allowed claims.

Favorable consideration of the present comments on the statement of reasons for allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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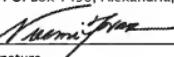
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